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Pre-school children join in traditional 'egg shackling'

SHEPTON Beauchamp Pre-School children their kept local village tradition going when they joined in with "egg shackling".

The event sees children place their eggs in a sieve and rolled around until they crack. They last egg in intact is the winner. The cracked eggs were then traditionally used to make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

This year's winner was Harvey Fell, whose family have been taking part in "egg shackling" for the past six generations, back to Harvey's great-great-great grandmother.

Whilst the eggs are rolled, the children and parents joined in the "egg shackling" song, which is as follows: "Shrove Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, when Jack went to plough, His mother made pancakes but she didn't know how, She boiled them she spoiled them and when they turned black, She took them from the oven and said, now Jack eat that."

UKIP select candidate

SIMON Smedley has been chosen as UKIP's parliamentary candidate for the Yeovil Constituency.

Mr Smedley was born in Wimbledon in 1962. He earned a degree in urban estate management and qualified as a chartered surveyor in 1985.

Mr Smedley moved to Somerset 14 years ago and runs a small, commercial property company. In addition, he has been a churchwarden for more than 10 years and also volunteers as a village speedwatcher and village event committee member.

Hobbies and areas of interest include squash, dog walking, flying, motoring and politics/current events.

Mr Smedley said: "I believe the UK needs to stop panic house building and plan better quality houses, meeting local needs by regaining control over immigration and leaving the EU."

He will face current MP David Laws (Liberal Democrat), Marcus Fysh (Conservative) and Emily McIvor (Green Party) in the May elections. Labour are expcted to select their candidate for the area on March 1st.

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County budget given final approval

MORE than £310million of spending, £57million of capital investment and a council tax freeze for a sixth straight year have been approved by Somerset County Council.

Last week's full council meeting saw members vote on the 2015/16 Medium Term Financial Plan, which includes the revenue budget and the Capital Investment Programme.

Councillors voted 31 to 17 in support of the proposals and also unanimously backed plans to pursue a campaign for Fairer Funding For Somerset.

The revenue budget, which sets out £16million of savings, also includes spending of £86million on frontline services for adults and £40million for children, while the Capital Investment Programme outlines £57million to improve schools, roads and other infrastructure.

Councillor John Osman, leader of Somerset County Council, said: "Despite the difficult economic climate which has seen our budget from government reduced by £20million this year alone, I'm pleased we have still been able to freeze council tax and spend millions on key areas such as looking after vulnerable adults and children, fuelling the local economy, and investing in our highways and schools.

"We have also had to make some very difficult decisions to reflect the fall in government funding. There is no doubt that we would rather not be making some of these savings, and if the government hadn't reduced our funding by so much then we wouldn't have to.

"As we move forward, I intend to ramp up our Fairer Funding For Somerset campaign, and call for neighbouring authorities and other parties to support us in our goal, whatever government is in power in May."

For full details of the 2015/16 financial plans, view the papers online at http://bit.ly/1FXadnh

Councillor to fight for fair funding in Somerset

DISTRICT council conervative candidates from around the Yeovil constituency and parliamentary candidate Marcus Fysh offered their support to district and county councillor Linda Vijeh in her campaign to lead a delegation to Westminster to fight for fairer funding for Somerset.

The group met at the Conservative Club in Yeovil where Councillor Vijeh, who represents the Neroche ward at district level and Ilminster at county, spoke about her planned trip to Westminster on May 11th.

She said: "At Somerset County Council's full council meeting this month, much was made of the proposed cuts to the budget. Whether one agrees with the cuts or not there is no doubt that when compared with other local authorities across the country Somerset is woefully under funded.

"This must not be allowed to continue and we must all get together to show that we mean business.

"I have chosen Monday, May 11th as this was voted as being the most suitable day to be designated 'Somerset Day', and it seemed to me to be the most appropriate day to put across our point of view."

■ FIGHT FOR FAIR FUNDING: Councillor Linda Vijeh (front centre) with parliamentary candidate Marcus Fysh and district council Conservative candidates

■ **A CAR** came off Henley Road, Misterton, and ended up in a ditch in the early hours of Monday, February 16th.

The accident was reported just before 12.45am, and a spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "One fire appliance from Crewkerne, one from Beaminster and the rescue tender from Yeovil were sent to a report of a road traffic collision.

"On arrival the crew confirmed that the incident involved one vehicle which had left the road and gone into a ditch. No persons were trapped. Fire crews made the vehicle and scene safe."

■ **MEMBERS** of Crewkerne and District Twinning Association will host friends from Igny and Bures Sur Yvette from May 14th to 17th.

It will be the 39th visit for Igny and the tenth visit for Bures Sur Yvette.

Crewkerne and District Twinning Association member Cheryl Newman said: "Next year we hope many people will make the return visit for the anniversary celebrations. Plans are well under way to entertain them during a day out in Exmouth on the Friday and visiting the local area on the Saturday, with a party in the evening. Any club who would like a contact, please let us know."

Two fundraising events are planned by the association - a bistro evening on March 28th and the annual quiz on April 11th. Anyone interested in hosting visitors this year, or getting involved in other ways, can contact Cheryl Newman on 01460 75025 or cherylnewman321@btinternet.com for more information.

■ **THE** Slay the Dragon annual cross country race in Hinton St George will be held on Sunday, March 1st.

Now in its 8th year, the event includes three distances (10k, 4k and 2k) and welcomes runners of all abilities to race down single-tack lanes across fields around Hinton St George. Last year runners raised more than £1,300 for Hinton St George First School.

A race spokesperson said: "Come along this Sunday and join in the great family atmosphere of Slay the Dragon and after working up an appetite you will be able to enjoy bacon butties and warming drinks."

Registration is from 9am, and more information and an opportunity to register in advance can be found online at www.slaythedragon.co.uk

New county toolkit to help set up community car schemes

SOMERSET villagers can now rev-up their own car schemes with a new step-by-step toolkit from Somerset County Council.

Community car schemes are volunteer-run services which help community members who find it difficult to access or use transport to make essential journeys, such as medical appointments or visiting friends and family.

Such schemes are currently being run by a number of non-profit-making groups. These village and parish-based schemes give a door-to-door service.

Somerset County Council's toolkit aims to take people through the steps of setting up their own car scheme and answer any questions. It also includes a draft constitution and rules, along with a handy volunteer driver handbook.

A "can-do" team from Stogursey has been the first to use the toolkit to set up a car sharing scheme, with support from Somerset County Council.

Councillor Harvey Siggs, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport at Somerset County Council, said: "It is fantastic to see how these community car schemes have been growing in popularity over the last few years.

"Not only do they take immense drive and enthusiasm, but it is clear there is a real demand for them, with around 25 currently operating across the county.

"This toolkit is a simple yet effective form of support for anyone wanting to establish a car scheme in their community."

To see the full list of community car schemes and other community transport options currently available, by district, and to access the toolkit, visit www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk or call 01823 358122 for more information.

■ WEEKENDER LETTERS

■ HAVING supported the A303 "Dual It" campaign run for some strange reason by *The Western Gazette*, Conservative parliamentary candidate Marcus Fysh is at last turning his attention to public transport.

He is now suggesting improvements to our railways; connecting Pen Mill and Yeovil Junction, reopening Chard Junction, improving timetabling, etc. This is all laudable, but given the energy he put into the A303 campaign I fear it is a smoke screen.

It was, after all, his party that ruined our railways. Beeching closed many of the lines in the 1960s, John Major privatised the rest 30 years later, and the coalition have steadfastly refused to take even the (highly profitable) East Coast franchise back into public ownership.

But yes, now is the time to sort it out, and all help is welcome. Can Mr Fysh please write to everyone and ask them to redirect the money earmarked for dualling the A303 and have it spent on public transport (buses as well as trains), as the Green Party has proposed all along?

Peter Lansdown
Secretary, South Somerset Green Party

The views expressed in letters are those of the author and not necessarily of this newspaper

Rotary's 110th year marked across district

FEBRUARY 23rd marked the 110th anniversary of Rotary International.

On this day in 1905, Rotary founder Paul Harris formed one of the world's first service organisations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Since then, Rotary has continued its commitment to service by providing clean water, improving maternal health, awarding scholarships, fighting diseases, and improving lives around the world.

This year, also marks the 30th anniversary of the Polio Plus programme. Since the fight to end polio began, two billion children have been immunised, 10 million children have been saved from lifelong paralysis and 125 countries have been declared polio-free.

Rotary clubs across the world were last week encouraged to share with others how they are "this close" to ending polio for good and Rotary's 110 years of "Service Above Self".

There are four Rotary Clubs covered by *The Weekender*, and here they share how they are supporting the local, national and international aims of the organisation.

ROTARY CLUB OF CHARD

CHARD Rotary Club, founded in 1945, has supported the Rotary movement both locally and internationally over the last 70 years.

Currently it is supporting several local charities, including Horseshoes & Handprints, the Lords's Larder and Chard and Crewkerne After Stroke Group. In addition is champions the youth of Chard with Youth Speaks, a competition to encourage public speaking, and Quad Kids, an athletic tournament involving 14 local primary schools, which takes place on June 17th at Holyrood Academy. The club has also sponsored several local sporting youngsters, with grants for their training this year.

It also assists the town in marshalling civic events, and is, in conjunction with the mayor, sponsoring the St George's Day Concert in April at the Guildhall with Chard Concert Brass.

■ **MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Chard are pictured helping out at Horseshoes & Handprints**

ROTARY CLUB OF CREWKERNE

CHARTERED in April 1953 with 23 members, the club is now in its 62nd year of serving the local community with 37 members.

Throughout its life the club has done many things like taking disadvantaged children to the seaside and pantomime, delivering food parcels at Christmas, supporting the extension of West One Youth Club, and many more.

On the club's 50th anniversary a Rotary Stone was presented to the town and placed at the entrance to South Street car park and, for the 60th anniversary, a wooden bench was presented and sited on Buncombe Beeches.

In 1979 the club twinned with the Rotary Club of Blois-Sologne in the Loire Valley, France, and many get togethers have been made since that time.

More recently, the club continues to organise an annual cross country horse ride, The Dinnington Ride, when more than 100 riders take part.

The pop-up Rotary Charity Shop is in its eighth year and has helped to provide even more for the community. The annual blood pressure day also provides the community with the opportunity to have their blood pressure checked for free.

Many activities involve the local schools, including the Youth Speaks, Young Chef, Young Musician and Young Photographer competitions and Technology Tournament. The club also holds Quad Kids, a sports day for primary schools on an Olympic theme, and provides support for the annual Young Triathlon on Henhayes.

Financial support has been given to numerous local organisations and, in particular, to young people to help them with overseas charitable projects. Thanks to the generosity of local people the club has also been able to help with the Ebola outbreak and other world disasters.

ROTARY CLUB OF ILMINSTER

LAST year's annual assembly of Ilminster Rotary Club

THE Rotary Club of Ilminster, now celebrating its 44th year, meets each Wednesday evening at The Shrubbery Hotel.

President-elect Linda Piggott-Vijeh, who was the club's first female member in 2000, said: "Our focus this year has been community involvement. Members have helped with reading at Greenfylde School. We also run a very successful Youth Speaks competition, in addition to Year 11 practice interviews at Wadham School.

"This year we are excited to be working with Ilminster Experience to host a community Somerset lunch, and are welcoming twinning association members from Riec-sur-Belon. Skittlers and quizzers are especially welcome to join us!"

ROTARY CLUB OF CREWKERNE & DISTRICT

THE Rotary Club of Crewkerne District is a relatively new club, having only formed just over five years ago. In fact, only last month it celebrated its fifth anniversary of being chartered.

The club is vibrant and has an increasing number of members of all ages, having reached 34 members recently. We welcome people from all backgrounds and enjoy the variety of skills and personalities this brings to the club.

Fundraising has supported local charities such as School in a Bag and Horseshoes and Handprints, as well as large national charities of Polio Plus and Parkinsons UK.

As well as fundraising, the club has the rights to the Charter for St Bartholomew's Street Fair held in Crewkerne every September, and also organises the annual fireworks evening in Crewkerne, as well as assisting Father Christmas and his sleigh with a street collection in December around the town and local villages.

In addition, the club assists with car parking at Kingsbury Festival, stewarding at music concerts and controlling the balsam weed at Wayford Woods for a small incentive of a glass of Beaujolais and cheese afterwards!

So with the focus on such interesting activities happening throughout the year, it is no wonder that the club is gaining continued success as well as a local reputation for doing great things.

The club meets on the third Thursday of each month at Oscars Wine Bar in Crewkerne at 7.30pm. For more information visit www.crewkernedistrictrotary.org.uk

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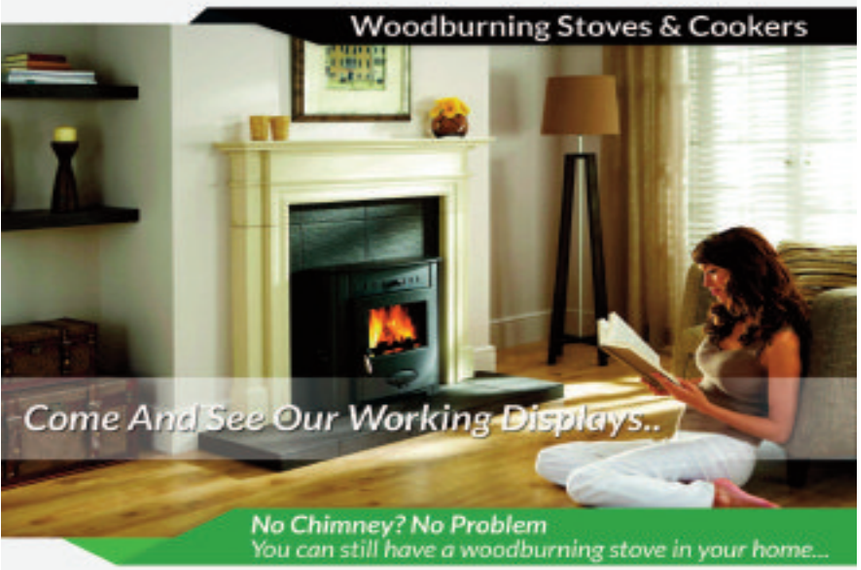

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Rotarians attend Youth Leadership Awards after sending three students on 'inspirational' course

■ YOUTH LEADERSHIP: Members of the Rotary Club of Ilminster with James White, Daniel Clements and Oliver Staples

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Ilminster this week attended the final evening of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards outward bound youth leadership course at Dartmouth.

For the first time the club had been able to raise funds to send three candidates on the course. Young people from Ilminster, Horton and Crewkerne were put through their paces as they joined youngsters from across the three counties that make up Rotary District 1200.

James White, from Combe St Nicholas, who is currently studying for a travel and tourism qualification at Somerset College, said: "This has been the most inspirational experience of my life, and it has given me a different perspective on things. I have also met some lifelong friends," he added.

Daniel Clements from Horton, who attends Holyrood Academy, commented: "I really enjoyed the climbing and abseiling. It was amazing, second to none. The most important thing about this week is that I learnt stuff that I can't learn anywhere else. It has given me the emotional intelligence and positive mind set to make things happen."

Oliver Staples, who attends Wadham School, added: "It was phenomenal, the perfect experience."

The week-long course, run by veteran leader Jack Russell, enables young people to gain the skills necessary to become the leaders of tomorrow.

His team of staff guide those attending through a series of activities and exercises to help unlock their full potential, recognising that each individual is different.

Rotary has been involved in the courses for more than 15 years, with each place much in-demand and costing just under £600 per student.Harley Pope, chairman of this year's Youth Committee, said: "This year was a tough call as we had so many excellent candidates, but we are delighted that the three who were able to attended have gained so much from it."

Ilminster Rotary president-elect, Linda Piggott-Vijeh, added: "I feel that providing the financial assistance for activities like this is so important that I raised the extra money to send a third candidate as part of my 60th birthday celebrations. There is nothing like helping youngsters to get a good start in life."

Past president Ken Dewsbury commented: "We raise the funds each year by holding a series of hosted suppers and it is one of the most important things we do as a club to support the local community."

During the presentation evening guests, including family and friends, were treated to a meal cooked by the delegates, along with individual presentations from them outlining what they had learned from the week. The topics covered included friendship, leadership styles, goal setting, motivation, self belief and communication.

Inner Wheel collect for Lord's Larder

■ MEMBERS of the Inner Wheel Club of Chard organised a collection for the Lord's Larder food bank to mark Inner Wheel Day. Inner Wheel Day marks the date that the movement was started in Manchester 91 years ago and each year members commemorate the occasion. Pictured above are president Rita Grout, Celia Lambert and John White of the Lord's Larder.

Rotary race day will raise funds for modern medical equipment

THE Rotary Club of Ilminster will once again be hosting a Cheltenham Gold Cup race day at Horton Village Hall on Friday, March 13th.

Entrance is from 12noon and guests are invited to bring along their own food and drink.

Tickets cost £5 per person, and in addition to having the opportunity to back a winner there will be a raffle, the proceeds of which will be donated to Heartworks Transthoracic Echocardiography Simulator.

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In May, the 15 town council seats are open for election and Ilminster residents are being to consider standing for office.

An event where residents will be able to find out more about becoming a councillor and how to take the first steps to standing for election will be hosting by the mayor and deputy mayor on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7.30pm in Minster Rooms, Ilminster.

The Mayor of Ilminster, Councillor Emma Jane Taylor, said: "If you are interested in becoming a councillor, or know someone who might just need some encouragement now is the time to act, come along to the evening or contact the town vouncil office. We will be talking about the highs and lows of life as a councillor and explaining the election process."

Annual flower show cancelled

AT the annual general meeting of of Ilminster Flower, Fruit, Vegetable and Craft Show the committee reluctantly decided there was no option but to cancel this year's event.

With the current chairman stepping down and at least five other helpers stating they would no longer be able to assist in staging the show, numerous appeals had been made for new volunteers to come forward but to no avail.

Show spokesperson Chris Sainsbury said: "Unfortunately no one came forward. Although the constitution states any money held be gifted to local charities on winding up the organisation, the remaining members of the committee felt it worth delaying this for a year in the hope that without a show a fresh spark of interest will be kindled.

"The committee remained in place and agreed to meet again in August."

The committee can be contacted through ilmflowershow@talktalk.net

■ FOREIGN CUISINE: Polish students Klaudia, Michal and Amelia

Greenfylde pupils celebrate their varied cultures with Polish donuts

PUPILD from Greenfylde First School in Ilminster recently celebrated a special day in Poland, Pączki Day, also known as "Fat Thursday", in honour of their Polish peers. The mothers of the Polish children who attend the school made a variety of traditional donuts for the students to try. This allowed the English pupils to learn more about different cultures and appreciate how tradition is important in lots of countries, as well as making parallels to the traditions and customs that they celebrate each year.

Every year, 100 million donuts are eaten on this day in Poland. It is traditionally celebrated in the last week of carnival, before Lent, similar to the English tradition on Pancake Day on Shrove Tuesday.

Pączki are deep-fried pieces of dough shaped into flattened spheres and filled with confiture or other sweet filling such as jam, marmalade or chocolate. Filling is added manually when donuts are raw or injected after they are fried. Pączki are usually covered with powdered sugar, icing or bits of dried orange zest. This tradition dates back to the 17th century.

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Town council reveals plans to replace play equipment

A PLAN to replace old play equipment in Winterhay Lane Recreation Ground has been published by Ilminster Town Council.

The plan includes new swings, an embankment slide, stepping logs a balance beam and two refurbished picnic tables.

Town councillor Sophie Storey, who chairs the Play and Paths Group, said: "This is a lovely play area which is well used by local families.

"At the moment the equipment is a little tired and this plan will update the recreation ground providing an exciting but safe place for play."

Ilminster's Youth Council undertook consultation with people who use or live close to the play and recreation area to establish what people would like to see improved and the plan is based upon those findings.

Quotations for the purchase and installation of the new play equipment are being sought and it is anticipated Ilminster Town Council will formally consider the project at its meeting on March 17th. The proposed work would be funded by money currently held by the district council, raised from developers (also known as section 106 money), together with funds from the town council's renewals budget.

Feedback on the plan can be given by contacting the town council office.

Return of Barrington Explorers

ST Mary's Pre-School is pleased to announce the return of Barrington Explorers Group.

This is a fun and educational Stay and Play Group run in association with pre-school, near Ilminster. Each week there is a range of activities and themes providing children with the opportunity to play, create and learn.

There is also outdoor activities and the use of the outdoor playground, allotment, wooded area and multi-use games area in good weather.

All families with children aged 0 to five years old are welcome, with sessions being run on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 11am am on the following dates: March 11th, March 25th, April 15th, April 29th, May 13th, June 3rd, June 17th, July 1st and July 5th. Sessions cost £1.50 per family and drinks and snacks are provided.

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■ PRIZEWINNER: Carol Rogers with members of country band Capricorn, who nominated her

Award for country club music founder

A COUNTRY music enthusiast has won a prestigious award for services to the industry.

Carol Rogers, who lives in Norton sub Hamdon and runs Smokestack Country Music Club, based in Seavington St Mary, near Ilminster, received her award at Southern Country Magazine's annual show at Lakeside in Frimley Green, Surrey, earlier this month.

She was presented with The Sue McCarthy Memorial Award for services to country music, named in memory of the magazine's late editor, for her work running Smokestack Country Music Club to raise money for Children's Hospice South West – and the nomination was made by members of a band called Capricorn.

Carol said: "Being plucked from your seat and put in front of 800 people was a bit daunting. A big thank you goes to all our loyal supporters at Smokestack, and all our other events supported by lots of kind, generous people.

"Doug, my husband, is very much behind the scenes man and he also does a brilliant job decorating the hall each month for the dances. Thanks also to Del for the work doing the raffle each month, and to our daughters and family for helping out when needed.

"Fifteen years ago Doug, myself, our friends Del and Rod Gard started fundraising for the children's hospice, doing a variety of events including starting Smokestack Country Music Club. Sadly, Rod passed away three years ago.

"We have raised over £120,000 to date, and Rod was part of this. He would have been over the moon to think Smokestack had been awarded this trophy.

"I have been awarded this trophy, but without the help and support of all you kind people it would not have happened. This belongs to all of us, thank you all so much.

Smokestack Country Music Club runs every third Saturday at the Millennium Hall, Seavington St Mary, near Ilminster - all welcome. For more information call Carol on 01935 881510.

MEP and agricultural author spark discussion for climate action group

GREEN Party MEP Molly Scott Cato and agricultural journalists and author Graham Harvey were the speakers at a meeting organised by South Somerset Climate Action in Ilminster.

The meeting was held at Swanmead Community School and was attended by an audience of 59.

Molly Scott Cato is the first Green MEP for South West England. For the past 15 years she has spoken for the Green Party on economics and finance with her specialist interests including land ownership and food production, renewable energy, co-operatives and self-managed firms, and issues concerned with peace and opposing nuclear weapons and nuclear power. She is a member of the European Parliament's Agriculture Committee.

Molly gave an incisive critique of the Common Agricultural Policy, introducing her party's document "Capping the CAP". She explained how she believed the existing system to be skewed heavily in favour of large farms, wealthy landowners and intensive, unsustainable agriculture.

The Green Party's alternative strategic objectives are to protect the environment, encourage organic methods and support small family farms, with a key recommendation to cap the maximum payment that any given farm can receive.

The second speaker, Graham Harvey, is probably best known as agricultural story advisor and scriptwriter for the BBC Radio 4 serial "The Archers", as well as writing "The Carbon Fields" and "We Want Real Food".

In his talk, Graham drew extensively from his knowledge, both contemporary and historical, and wide-ranging experience of agricultural systems. His arguments for organic farming are now widely known and include improved livestock health and welfare, reduced fossil fuel inputs in the form of artificial fertilisers and pesticides, improved food quality, reduced soil degradation and run-off.

On this occasion, he focussed strongly on the human health issues, with a wealth of data on the harmful consequences of intensive grain, dairy and meat production.

After a short refreshment break, the meeting continued with a question and answer session chaired by the Reverend Nigel Done, vicar of the Minster Church.

One topic considered was small-plant biomethane production from human and agricultural waste as a source of sustainable energy.

The products of industrial agriculture was compared with food produced by organic methods, with those attending suggesting that food education starting as early as possible might be an answer.

Bringing the meeting to a close, the Reverend Done thanked Graham Harvey for his thought-provoking talk and Joe Burlington for organising the event. Molly was also thanked earlier in the meeting before leaving for a lunchtime event.

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■ RETRO LOOK: The leading cast members including wedding singer Robbie, played by Tiago Martins (centre)

Holyrood goes back to the 80s

STUDENTS at Holyrood Academy in Chard turned the clock back 30 years when taking to the stage for "The Wedding Singer".

The musical comedy, based in the 1990s film of the same name, was presented last week featuring a cast of Tiago Martins as wedding singer Robbie, Megan Rogers and Courteney Yeoell as leading lady Julia, Sam Hunt as Sammy, Addison Coath as George, Millie Whitefuled as Linda, Otterly Farey as Holly, Ethan Smith as Rosie and Sam Pullen as Glen.

The directors said: "The decision to stage this musical was simple; we all love the film. Full of quick one liners, cheesy songs and the chance to dress up in 80s delights was good enough for us. "The Wedding Singer is fun, enabling us to just enjoy the music and create some very comedic moments. Rehearsals began in October and the cast have been fantastic, learning dance routines, dialogue and, above all, working as a team to make the show what it is.

"Main Academy Productions allow so many people to be involved and this includes not only on-stage performers; students from all years have been creating props, helping with advertising and are even in our live band this evening - we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

"We would also like to thank the staff at the school and parents of those involved who have supported this production from the beginning."

Library helping people get online

CHARD Library is taking part in a nationwide initiative by offering a free, themed course for those with basic computer skills.

People all over the UK will be encouraged to make the most of the internet with the Be Online campaign, which started last week and will continue until March 8th. Somerset Libraries is getting involved with a number of events which will help people use the internet to improve their skills, manage their health and live life to the full.

Chard Library will stage a session called Find Work Online, on Monday, March 2nd from 2.15pm to 4.30pm for which basic computer skills are needed.

Councillor David Hall, Somerset County Council's Cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, said: "With more and more services accessible online, it is becoming increasingly important to have at least a basic understanding of computers and the internet.

"The Be Online campaign gives all people a chance to get up to speed with the Internet which is a great step towards ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to access all services available online."

Somerset Libraries is a UK Online Centre Partner and offers computer courses in 21 libraries for those who are unable to attend any of the courses taking place throughout the Be Online campaign. These are flexible, free of charge, and offer learners the opportunity to get online for the first time, or improve their online skills.

A list of participating libraries is available in all libraries, online at http://bit.ly/1ajv1bD or by phoning 0845 345 9177. Anyone interested in attending a session is advised to check availability and book in advance.

■ MEMBERS of Chard Local Kids Society (CLOKS) have received a £500 grant from the town council. CLOKS member Gloria Johnson said: 'We would like to thank Chard Town Council for the grant. The money will be used to go towards back stage equipment – headsets and an intercom system - and this will help towards the smooth running of our shows. All involved with CLOKS were delighted. The CLOKS production this year is 'Guys and Dolls' at Chard Guildhall from June 25th to 27th. Pictured are CLOKS members Sue Veale, Maria Farey and Gloria Johnson.

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STUDENTS from Maiden Beech Academy in Crewkerne recently enjoyed an exchange trip to India.

The Year 8 pupils visited Tumkar, near Bangalore, in the south of the country with headteacher Steve Smith and other staff members for 10 days.

The trip was part of an exchange programme with TVS School in India, which has been running for about four years. Historically, only staff have taken part in the exchange trips sponsored by the British Council Connecting Classrooms initiative to share teaching ideas and projects.

These projects have focussed upon the environment, recycling and colonialism to name a few. However, there was a mutual desire between the school to offer the rare exchange opportunity to students as well as staff for the first time this year.

and so we advertised the opportunity to our Year 8 students.

Mr Smith said: "It is rare for students this young to go to a country like India, but they threw themselves into the challenge and surprised themselves, I think. It wasn't always easy; everything is very different to what they are used to, from food to climate to transport, but they did very well.

"The students were involved in so much, but key highlights included reading and singing to students at a local blind school, being invited to a South Indian wedding in traditional dress, seeing the incredible Mysore Palace and camping out in the wild on a coffee plantation, next to some funnel web spiders.

"I was very proud of them and it was a joy to see them flourish and grow in small, unexpected ways. I hope that something felt, learnt or realised on this trip will stay with them for years to come."

The school is now looking forward to welcoming 10 students from TVS School in October.

Mr Smith added: "We shall show them the same hospitality shown to us during our ten days. We're all really looking forward to it. I hope that our partnership with TVS will continue to grow."

Station friends make use of original railway bench

THE discovery of a waiting room bench, said to be an original from the town's railway station, led to swift action by The Friends of Crewkerne Station (FOCS).

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FOCS chairman Tony Reese said: "Members and passengers have all stressed the importance of having seating and somewhere comfortable to go while waiting for trains, so we have provided the bench indoors.

"With the help of South West Trains we have also provided a seat at the front of the station for those waiting for further transport.

"Members of FOCS have stressed how important they believe it is for the waiting room and booking office to remain. They are putting the case to South West Trains to keep the station staffed."

FOCS secretary Gail Coleshill reinforced the message by added: "We believe the station office and waiting room should be kept open and we will continue to push that message to the train operators and government."

BENCHMARK: Friends of Crewkerne Station making good use of the old bench

The newly restored waiting room bench was installed on Thursday February 12th.

RSPCA investigating after cat shot in leg

A SEVEN-year-old cat was shot in the leg with an air rifle before staggering home to his owners in Merriott, near Crewkerne.

On Thursday, February 5th, black and white cat Patch came back to his Glebelands home and owner Jacqueline Stabbins immediately noticed he was hobbling and his front right leg was bleeding.

Miss Stabbins said: "The vets initially thought it was a bite on his front leg but after an X-ray they realised there was a pellet and he had been shot. I was beside myself. I have four rescue cats and they are part of the family.

"I've told all the cat owners I know to be careful. I've never heard of anything like this before, it has been horrendous. It is sad as Patch will always walk with a limp now."

RSPCA inspector John Pollock added: "We want to hear from anyone who may have seen or heard anything which might help us find out what happened to Patch. We will follow up any leads that are reported to us.

"Under the Animal Welfare Act, if someone is caught deliberately using an air weapon to injure an animal, they could face a £20,000 fine and/or up to six months in prison."

Anyone with information can report it by calling the RSPCA inspectorate line on 0300 123 8018 and leaving a message for inspector Pollock.

Quiz night raises £705

A QUIZ night recently held at Clapton Village Hall raised £705.30 for the Crewkerne branch of Christian Aid. Organisers would like to thank all those who supported the event.

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From Tallis to Tavener

Inspirational spring music from Cantamus

Cantamus Choir

DORSET choir Cantamus will be performing at St Mary's Church in Ilminster for the first time on March 28th. The singers are looking forward to bringing their unique blend to a new audience at the venue as they present 'From Tallis to Tavener', a gorgeous selection of inspirational spring music from the last 500 years.

The programme opens with two contemplative pieces by the 16th-century composer Thomas Tallis – 'Miserere nostri' and 'O sacrum convivium' – and takes listeners through two centuries of song writing, via Peter Philips, Palestrina and Purcell, to Mozart's 'Inter natos mulierum'.

All the music in the second half was written in the 20th century. First up is 'Bring us, O Lord God' by William Harris, followed by Samuel Barber's well-known 'Agnus Dei', which the composer adapted in 1967 from his own 'Adagio for strings'. John Tavener's 'A hymn to the mother of God' and Arvo Pärt's lively 'Bogoroditsye dyevo' offer two modern interpretations of the Hail Mary, before the concert ends with three movements from Duruflé's Requiem.

This is a challenging programme but well within the grasp of this talented and hard-working group, now in its third year of performing under the baton of musical director Malcolm Knowles.

The Ilminster concert is on Saturday 28 March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 and are available from Lanes Garden Shop, Silver Street, Ilminster (tel. 01460 57703), and on the door.

The other two dates in the choir's spring concert series are Bridport United Church on Saturday 14 March, and the Church of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, and St Ignatius, North Chideock, on Saturday 21 March (both at 7.30pm).

Full details are on the choir's website at www.cantamus-dorset.org

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CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

CREWKERNE: Special Hungarian lunch at Henhayes Centre. Please phone 01460 74340 for further information and to reserve your place.

ILMINSTER: "Introduced species: increased Biodiversity or Conservation nightmare?" Dr Colin Ryall's illustrated presentation will review the global context of invasive plants and animals then focus on the present situation in UK and Europe, and suggest future prospects. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. Adult members £2, non-members £3. Parish Hall, North St. Ilminster TA19 0DG

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

CHARD: Annual Prize Bingo in aid of ZEM CC. Crowshute House. Doors 6.30pm, Eyes down 7.15pm. Three prizes per house, mammouth Raffle, refreshments. For more details call 01460 62842

MERRIOTT: New To You Sale in the Tithe Barn, 10am-11.30am. Stalls, refreshments, bargains for everyone.

CREWKERNE: Breakfast from 10am to 11.30am with 100 Club Draw at 11am, at Henhayes Centre.

DONYATT: Mega Book Sale, Coffee Morning and Cake Stall at St Mary's Church, 10am-1pm. All books 5 for £1. Funds towards the parish share invoice.

MONDAY MARCH 2ND

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

TUESDAY MARCH 3RD

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH

CLAPTON: Sew, knit & natter at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837

THURSDAY MARCH 5TH

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be holding their AGM at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall. Any person interested in contacting the club is most willing to do so by contacting Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885 or by visiting their website www.chardcamersclub.org.uk

CLAPTON: C & W Film Society showing 'Monsieur Lazhar', at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. 8pm; refreshments/door from 7.30pm; new members always welcome, details from 01460 74849/30508

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

SOUTH PETHERTON: South Somerset Local RSPB Group. Talk by Nick Bragg (farmer) and Aiofe O'Rourke (Conservation Officer, Bumblebee Conservation Trust) on 'Wildlife Conservation & Bumblebees'. At the Conference Room, Frogmary Green Farm. Free entry, everyone welcome. For more details call 01460 240740.

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

BARRINGTON: St Mary's Preschool Supper and Quiz Evening at Barrington Village Hall. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £5 per person, including a delicious two course meal and participation in the quiz. Licensed bar and raffle. For more details or to book call 07938 016319, or tickets available on the night. All proceeds towards upgrading the computer equipment for the children.

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH - MONDAY MARCH 9TH

CHARD: Members of the Chard Royal Naval Association will be attending the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the Area 4 Royal Naval Association at Bideford. Contact with Chard branch can be made via the Secretary Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978, chairman Paula Moon 01460 929041 or by visiting the royal-naval-association.com.uk website.

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH

Because she's Shappi!

ARGUABLY as one of the country's finest comedians, Shappi Khorsandi is heading to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis with her latest stand-up show, 'Because I'm Shappi'.

After bursting onto the comedy scene in 2006 with sell-out hit performances at Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Khorsandi has continued to gain huge success and great critical acclaim, resulting in television appearances on Live at the Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, Have I got New For You, Q.I. and 8 out of 10 Cats.

Her screenwriting debut was in the form of Sky's Little Crackers, and she has recently been commissioned to write a drama script for BBC Television.

Reflecting on the good things, her latest gig celebrates her haphazard zigzag towards her dreams. She introduces us to friends, family and total strangers who have helped her on her personal Yellow Brick Road.

Shappi Khorsandi comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, March 6th at 8pm.

Tickets are £14 or £12 concs, from www.marinetheatre.com or the box office on 01297 442138.

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Fri-Tue, Thu: 18.00, Wed: 12.30, 16.15

Tinker Bell and The Legend of the NeverBeast [U]
Fri-Sun: 10.30am

This week's new cinema releases

Will Smith and Margot Robbie in *Focus*

THE BOY NEXT DOOR [15]

A NEWLY-divorced woman falls for a younger man who has recently moved in across the street from her, but their torrid affair soon takes a dangerous turn.

Thriller starring Jennifer Lopez, Ryan Guzman and Kristin Chenoweth.

FOCUS [15]

IN THE midst of veteran con man Nicky's latest scheme, a woman from his past - now an accomplished femme fatale - shows up and throws his plans for a loop.

Stars Will Smith, Margot Robbie and Rodrigo Santoro.

IT FOLLOWS [15]

FOR nineteen-year-old Jay, Autumn should be about school, boys and week-ends out at the lake. But after a seemingly innocent sexual encounter, she finds herself plagued by strange visions and the inescapable sense that someone, something, is following her.

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THE COMPANY YOU KEEP [15]

A FORMER Weather Underground activist goes on the run from a journalist who has discovered his identity.

Stars Robert Redford, Brit Marling, Stanley Tucci and Shia LaBeouf

Diary Dates

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: Rockin 60s Band playing at the Millennium Hall. Tickets only, £7 each from Carol on 01935 881510. No bar, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Free tea/coffee. In aid of Children's Hospice South West. Doors 7pm for 8pm start.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON: Spring Jumble Sale in the Village Hall (TA146SF) at 11am. Admission 30p. All usual stalls Clothes, New and nearly new, bric-a-brac books,toys, Teas and much more. Everyone welcome. Come and pick up some bargains. More information, contact Jennie Harris. 01935 881718.

MERRIOTT: Popular group "Livewired" are playing live from 9pm at Merriott Social Club. Free event, open to non members.

CHARD: Popular Fayre at Chard Guildhall, 9am-12.30pm.

MONDAY MARCH 9TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH

TATWORTH: Free talk on 'Life in the Theatre' at the Brewer Room at Tatworth Memorial Hall, 2pm. Organised by T&F Active Living. For more details call 01460 220339.

CREWKERNE: Easter Bingo at Henhayes Centre – lots of Easter prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm

THURSDAY MARCH 12TH

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

CHARD: The Royal Naval Association will be holding their monthly meeting at 7.30pm in the Chard Conservative Club. Any person wishing to contact the association can do so via the Secretary Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978, or chairman Paula Moon 01460 929041 or by visiting the royal-naval-association.com.uk website.

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

CLAPTON: Lunch club, at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance – by phoning 01460 77057.

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: Flix in the Stix presents: 'The Imitation Game' (cert 12A) in the village hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50 on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563. The film tells the real life story of Alan Turing, the brilliant Enigma code breaker at Bletchley Park in World War 2. A likely Oscar performance for Benedict Cumberbatch. An excellent script and a superb cast.

MONDAY MARCH 16TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness March Meeting. Guest Speaker Ruth Freya on 'Mediumship'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments) Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH

YEOVIL: Yeovil Chamber Choir concert of Choral music for Passiontide, at St Andrew's Church, Preston Grove (BA20 2BQ). At 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include interval wine and refreshments. For more details call 01935 873719.

THURSDAY MARCH 19TH

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

CHARD: Chard Camera club will be holding the yearly 'Horseshoe Competition' at Kilmington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Chard will be the hosts for this occasion. Details of the event can be obtained by contacting the competition secretary Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885 or via their official website www.chardcameraclub.org.uk

CLAPTON: Take Art event: a return visit from award-winning wildlife photographer Ben Osborne (Jurassic Journey), who will present 'Himalayan Journeys'. At Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Entrance: £10, adults; £5, school age; £25, family (2+2), including ploughman's supper. Licensed bar; raffle. All welcome; advance booking please on 01460 74849 / 72769 / 77062.

What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

SPRING is here (or just around the corner we hope) and we have lots going on at the Arts Centre to tempt you now that the days are getting longer. In the Gallery there's a last chance to see **Four from the Forest**, a display by a group of artists from the Forest of Dean (until 7 March). It is followed by **Three of a Kind** (Mon 9 - Sat 21 March), an exhibition which unites three Dorset artists, Brian Cocks, Mike Jackson and Billie Willcocks. Inspired by Dorset land and seascapes, these paintings are characterised by bold colours and a confident impressionist approach and will look sensational in our light-filled gallery. The artists will be in the Gallery on Sunday 8 between 3-5pm so do come along to meet them. **The Ilminster 3D2D Contemporary** offers a fascinating snapshot of the latest in contemporary art. This vibrant showcase runs 23 March - 18 April and will include sculptural woodturning, ceramics, abstract textile works, tapestry, glass, photo-etchings and an interactive installation. Several of the 12 participating artists will be talking about their work at a preview in the Gallery 3-5pm on Sunday 22. All are welcome.

We have some cracking concerts this month, starting with **Guitar Maestro Duo** on Friday 6. Virtuoso jazz guitarists Pete Oxley and Nicolas Meier will be putting up to 10 different guitars through their paces. On Friday 13 we welcome **Marlene Verplanck**. Marlene is an accomplished vocalist who has worked with everyone from Frank Sinatra to Tony Bennett and Perry Como, so this performance will be sprinkled with star dust. She is accompanied by top piano combo, the John Pearce Trio. In a different vein, on Friday 27, the **Jazz Worriers** will be spreading their own brand of modern mainstream jazz happiness, interspersed with light-hearted banter. If you have been inspired by the Guitar Maestro concert, come along to our Guitar Workshop on Saturday 14, and get strumming.

Our **Craft & Produce Market** sets up shop on Saturday 7 March, while the **Antiques and Vintage Collectables Fair** returns on Saturday 21. On Thursday 26 we are hosting our popular annual **Textile Fair**. This keenly anticipated event is organised by a group of specialist dealers who will be bringing an enticing array of British and French antique linens, laces and haberdashery.

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Talon: the Acoustic Sessions

FOUR members of the world's greatest Eagles tribute band perform a selection of their favourite contemporary acoustic classics by James Taylor, Simon & Garfunkel, Cat Stevens, Crosby Stills & Nash, John Denver, Michael Jackson, and many more, at The Barn at Square & Compass on Sunday, March 15th, from 8-11pm. Tickets are £15 in advance or £18 on the door. For tickets or more details call 01823 480467.

Treat your mother at Ye Olde Poppe Inn

FATHER and daughter Owen and Danni, the landlord and landlady, took over the Poppe Inn in April last year. Danni has 13 years experience within the industry and thrives on hard work and making a friendly welcoming atmosphere. The Inn itself is a quaint public house dating back to the 15th century.

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The Poppe Inn's facilities include a large car park and attractive beer garden, pool table, dart board and skittle alley. The Inn is child and dog friendly.

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The New BMW 2 Series Convertible

THE BMW 2 Series Convertible is the third model in the company's 2 Series line-up and comes to market as a direct replacement for the 1 Series Convertible – a vehicle that was the most successful car in its class with global sales of more than 130,000 units.

The new car will initially be available with a choice of four engines, including a new 2.0-litre diesel for the 220d and, for the first time in a BMW convertible, an M Performance variant, the M235i. Fuel economy improvements over the previous model average 18 per cent. The 2 Series Convertible also brings significant improvements in passenger space and access, acoustic comfort, style, dynamism and equipment, while the ConnectedDrive services for the first time include wireless updating of navigation data.

More open-top driving pleasure with an added dash of style

The BMW 2 Series Convertible is longer (by 72mm) and wider (by 26mm) than the model it replaces, and has a wheelbase which has been elongated by 30mm. These increases have been put to good use to enhance passenger access and space, increase driving enjoyment with the roof down and change the proportions so that BMW's latest compact convertible looks even more stylish.

The electrically operated folding soft top lowers or raises in just 20 seconds at the touch of a button, and can be carried out at speeds of just over 30mph. Additional insulation in the skin of the soft-top improves acoustic comfort, with a 4db noise reduction, and adds to the year-round usability of the car. Improved aerodynamics, with a Cd of just 0.31, also helps to make the cabin quieter. An easier-to-use optional wind deflector provides greater protection against turbulence when travelling top-down.

Once folded, the soft top disappears fully into the boot to give the BMW 2 Series Convertible a premium 'boat deck' appearance. Luggage capacity increases by 30 litres to 335 litres, making it the largest boot in its class. A through-loading system is optionally available to increase versatility.

The four-seat interior, with folding rear bench, provides greater space and a more intense open-top driving experience, placing the occupants in a typical BMW set-back position. Rear access benefits from an 11mm wider aperture when the front seats are tilted forwards. Large door pockets, a spacious glovebox, a central storage compartment and two cup holders provide improved in-cabin storage.

▲ The new BMW M235i Convertible

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2016 Model Year Range Rover Evoque

Land Rover has strengthened its fastest-selling model, the Range Rover Evoque. The luxury compact SUV features a comprehensive range of new design features and technologies to reinforce its status as the market leader.

Range Rover Evoque's cutting-edge exterior design has been further enhanced with a selection of carefully chosen revisions. These updates include a new front bumper, two new grille designs, all-LED headlamps and three new alloy wheel designs. These changes will enhance Evoque's unique design to a broad range of customers.

Interior changes include new seats and door casings, new infotainment system, accessed via an eight-inch touchscreen, and the introduction of new colour and materials such as Lunar Ice, Vintage Tan and Dark Cherry (Autobiography only) complementing Evoque's bold architectural forms.

Land Rover's advanced new diesel engine also debuts. The new EU6-compliant four-cylinder Ingenium unit brings a class-leading combination of performance, refinement and efficiency. The cutting-edge engine, which is designed, engineered and manufactured in the UK, provides up to 180PS, fuel economy of up to 68mpg (4.2l/100km) and CO2 emissions as low as 109g/km*. That makes the class-leading Evoque the most efficient Land Rover ever produced.

Gerry McGovern, Land Rover Design Director and Chief Creative Officer said: "The Range Rover Evoque first established and then dominated the luxury compact SUV sector generating worldwide acclaim and sales success. Our challenge has been to evolve the Evoque design without diluting its distinctive character."

Jeremy Hicks, Jaguar Land Rover UK Managing Director said: "The Evoque has proven to be an enormous success in the UK with sales of 62,000 since its launch back in 2011. Clever design, class leading residuals and competitive cost of ownership have all been contributors to its success.

"The 2016 model year Evoque builds on this achievement with a new engine line up delivering outstanding CO2 emissions down to 109g/km and for the first time; an all-wheel drive version under 130g/km. This combined with intelligent and relevant technology will ensure that the Range Rover Evoque is an attractive proposition to both private and fleet & business customers."

Exterior Design

Evoque's highly desirable design is a hallmark of this luxurious compact SUV. The introduction of the slimline LED foglamps and a noticeably wider tow-eye cover enhance the new front bumper design. The enlarged air intakes allude to its sporting character and create a more planted stance and further emphasise Evoque's assertive road presence.

Two new grille designs are available in a range of premium finishes. Evoque's standard grille is distinguished by two bold horizontal bars and a new fine-mesh grille pattern. Dynamic derivatives feature a hexagonal design, and its more prominent mesh area lends a suitably performance-oriented character to these sporting derivatives.

2016 model year Evoque is the first Jaguar Land Rover to be offered with full-LED adaptive headlamps, providing superior visibility at night. This advanced technology has been pivotal in creating a signature headlamp and tail lamp design, working in harmony with Evoque's dramatic exterior. Enhancing safety and creating an even more striking visual statement, the indicator function is now integrated into Evoque's distinctive LED daytime-running lights (DRLs), sweeping across the full width of the light clusters. As an additional benefit, energy-efficient LED technology reduces the demands placed on Evoque's electrical systems.

▲ 2016 model year Range Rover Evoque

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rugby round up

BY GLYN HUGHES

Chard snared by high-flying Fishermen

BRIXHAM 62 CHARD 7

National League Three (sw)

DESPITE a very difficult season the Chard faithful still travelled in significant numbers to support their team in this first ever fixture against high-flying Brixham.

The pitch at Astley Park is on a bit of a slope but the facilities for supporters are excellent and the Chard contingent enjoyed wonderful hospitality before, and after the game, which was sponsored by St Austell Brewery.

Chard started the game playing up the slope in the first half.

Home skipper and centre Tom McLean went over for what was to be the first of his four tries after only five minutes and, despite plenty of effort, it was clear that the pace of the home threequarters would cause Chard a lot of problems during the afternoon.

The Fishermen doubled their lead after 14 minutes with another converted try when they were aided by some by indifferent tackling from the visitors.

Another converted try came after 20 minutes when a home prop crashed over. This meant that with still an hour to go Chard trailed 21-0 and a bit of a hammering looked on the cards.

However, the game was a lot more even in the next quarter and, after good work by Rob Burrell, Paul Mortenson and the rest of the pack, skipper Mark Parsons drove over for a fine try in the 36th minute - and with Harrison getting the conversion Chard were to a certain extent back in the game, particularly as they would have the advantage of the slope in the second half.

But they were caught cold from the re-start and some slack play all round allowed Brixham their fourth and bonus point try which, although unconverted, meant that Chard trailed 26-7 at the interval.

The away support fully expected Chard to really get back in to the match after the turnaround but it was not to be as, despite pressurising the home side on their line for some time, they lost possession at key moments.

◆ **INJURED:** Bryan Harrison landed a conversion before being forced off.

Some superb handling on the counterattack by Brixham resulted in two more tries which ended any longering doubts as to the final outcome of the match.

Chard's already injury ravaged squad was then dealt another double blow as both Harrison and Hyslop had to leave the field after taking knocks.

With all three replacements being used, the team went into freefall in the final quarter and the home supporters were thrilled to see their team go over for four more tries.

Chard were eventually more than happy when they heard the final whistle, although second best on the day but did not really deserve to lose by such a margin.

One of the Brixham players had gone down with what appeared to be a bad ankle injury in the final moments of the game - all at Chard hopes he makes a quick recovery.

Chard are at home tomorrow against fellow strugglers WESTON-SUPER-MARE, kick-off is 2.30pm.

The **2nd xv** and **3rd xv** games at the weekend were called off because ground conditions were too wet.

Chard 2nd xv are way against NORTH PETHERTON 2ND xv tomorrow.

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The club will recieve a grant of £10,000 from the RFU which has to be matched with a similar amount raised by the club.

The improved social space will enhance the quality of the rugby experience for everyone using the site and will in turn provide more playing opportunities for everyone especially for those in the 14-24 age bracket

This investment by the RFU and Chard Rugby club will supprt the clubs financial sustainability leading into the World Cup and will create a focus for for England 2015 and a lasting rugby union legacy for rugby in the Chard area.

The redesigning of the clubhouse, particularly at the lounge end, will help the club raise it's profile.

This will in-turn encourage more players, volunteers and spectators to use the clubhouse and attract a large number of people to the club to not only watch the Chard sides play but to watch the World Cup Matches in a rugby atmosphere at the club.

Work has already started with an extension to the lounge bar already taking shape and it is hoped that the whole project will be finished in the next few months.

Melisa Gammage who has been one of the leading lights in getting the funding and the project underway said: "The Chard Club are delighted that that our project was chosen as a recipient for the Transforming Social Spaces Grant.

"We look forward in eager anticipation to a new wave of people and familys getting invoved with rugby, and this RFU investment is greatly appreciated.

"It will help our club to be even better equipped to welcome new comers'".

skittles

CREWKERNE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	16	143
Super Sexy Six	16	122
Coachmen	16	122
Head Hunters	16	117
King Willy Dogs	16	101
Football Club	16	101
Stray Cats	16	99
Mighty Ducks	16	84
Royal Oak Drimpton	15	82
Raptors	16	64
Rollers	15	58
Perrott Monkeys	16	41

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Brewers Bees	14	109
Fryers	15	109
Loud n Proud	14	102
Chis Colts	15	95
Acorns	15	93
Rug Rats	14	87
Fudders	14	77
Concorde	14	72
Skimmers	15	69
Muppets	14	58
Merriott Fixers	14	53

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Hill Billies	16	148
Pinbusters	16	144
Sports 92	16	129
Oakley Doakleys	16	127
Sandbaggers	16	103
Beer Leg Boys	16	97
No Name Yet	16	85
Willy Low Flyers	16	84
Ugly Ducklings	16	73
Likely Lads	16	67
Rotary	16	49
Kings Men	16	43

ILMINSTER

RESULTS; **Division One** - Ashill Boys 353-8 (W.Stanton 48) Royal Oak Faces 348-4 (D.Whaites 53), Flying Turkeys AllStars 363-11 (C.Guppy 49) Crown Royals 331-1 (J.Miles 49), CRown Crusaders 394-11 (S.Paul 67) Ashill Inn 379-1 (L.Mills 55), Bell A 335-1 (Leroy Male 48) Flying Turkeys 362-11 (S.Ash 55).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	12	108
Rockey's Rollers	11	86
Crown Crusaders	11	83
Flying Turkeys AS	11	82
Royal Oak Faces	12	65
Ashill Inn	11	62
Ashill Boys	12	53
Bell A	12	47
Crown Royals	12	38

Division Two - King's Head 330-11 (I.Kendall 49) Wyndham Clangers 326-1 (C.Butland 45), Ilton Choppers 340-10 (N.Watson 46) Bell Broadway 335-2 (B.Hill 46), Wyndham Warriors 289-10 (F.Clydesdale 42) Hatch Eggs 262-2 (C.Deserve, S.Childs 38), Bell Broadway 356-2 (P.Lavis, K.Crouch 56) Nomads 376-10 (R.Barnes, C.Miller, J.Thomas 52).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Nomads	12	101
Hatch Beagles	12	98
Cricketers	11	91
Bell Broadway	12	85
Wyndham Warr	12	74
Ilton Choppers	12	54
King's Head	12	50
Wyndham Clang	12	50
Hatch Eggs	11	31

angling

ilminster aa

King Charles!

ILMINSTER AA held the final match of the V.E.S. Precision league on the Isle on Sunday and once again the Hambridge section produced some great weights for the 14 competitors despite atrocious weather.

The winner on the day was Justin Charles with a lovely net of quality roach, chub and perch for 25lb 5oz from H4, Justin also had a bumper payday as it was a golden peg.

Second place went to Paul Homewood with 24lb 1oz of mainly roach on the whip and caster and in third place was Robin Cox with another net of roach weighing 18lb 12oz from peg H2.

The league was won by Graham Field with 13 points followed by Robin Cox with 14 and Martin Heard with 15.

The club would like to say a massive thanks to V.E.S. Precision for their continued support and sponsorship, to Steve and Cindy at the Royal Oak, Ilminster and also to Robin Cox for organising another great league.

Next week is the Pairs Open to be fished on the river and at Dillington pond. The draw is at the pub between 8.30 and 9am.

Result: 1 – Justin Charles (Ilminster) – 25lb 5oz, 2 – Paul Homewood (Taunton) – 24lb 1oz, 3 – Robin Cox (Ilminster) – 18lb 12oz

Sections; A – Graham Field (Taunton) – 14lb 14oz, B – Ashley Tomkins (Tackleuk) – 12lb 9oz.

glovers in focus

WITH STUART BROOM

Glovers on the brink

JUST as happened a few times through Gary Johnson's tenure this season, Terry Skiverton's first game in charge since being reappointed manager saw Yeovil produce a home performance that they suggested they were about to turn their fortunes around after a poor run of results.

Skiverton's new formation, with three at the back and five in midfield, saw them produce an exciting display that proved too much for fellow relegation candidates Crawley Town at Huish Park.

hopes of turnaround

I am sure many of the fans, just like me, would have left the stadium hoping that this time it would be the start of the Glovers turnaround that would lift them out of the relegation zone and to a place of safety.

Unfortunately, just like every other time this season disappointment followed and three games later we find them further behind the pack than when he took charge.

Three days later they were beaten at Crewe Alexandra, another team in the bottom four, and a comprehensive defeat at Doncaster Rovers on the Saturday saw them slump to the bottom again.

Last Saturday, with Byron Webster back in the green and white, and two other young loanees from Swansea City joining teammate Liam Shephard, they gained a point courtesy of a last minute penalty.

The Glovers could, and should, have been two if not three to the good at the break, but failed to find the same spark after halftime against a Gillingham side who were unbeaten in their previous eight before Saturday.

The Gills turned things around in the second half before Adam Morgan, back from the wilderness, equalised with virtually the last kick.

With other results going against the Glovers they are now five points from safety and things are starting to look bleak as games run out.

Let's hope this is not the beginning of the end and a second successive relegation follows.

Let's hope Webster's enthusiasm, as he showed last season in the Championship, can rub off on his team-mates and get them back on track.

I would like to think positively, but am starting to lose faith. It appears that they are on the brink and things need to happen fast.

League One	Pld	GD	Pts
Scunthorpe United	31	-4	40
Notts County	31	-6	38
Crewe Alexandra	32	-23	38
Colchester United	32	-14	34
Coventry City	31	-11	33
Crawley Town	32	-22	33
Leyton Orient	31	-7	32
YEOVIL TOWN	**32**	**-22**	**29**

jack high bowls news

ILMINSTER *by Des Maull*

LAST Friday Ilminster entertained BRIDGWATER in the Somerset & Devon Mixed League.

Ilminster's eventual win on both rinks was a good result as they are currently bottom of the league.

Details: Gerry Morris, Isobel Rymell, John Mitchell & John Osborne 19 N Edwards 14; Ann Morris, Chris Rymell, David Pugh & Maureen Mitchell 18 J Capon 13.

The following day Ilminster's men played PURITON BC in the National Double Rink.

Ilminster's home rink started well before being pegged back but held on to win by nine shots.

However, the away rink went down by 10 shots for an Ilminster overall loss of one shot.

Details: Home, Tony Peterson, Roger Lench, Peter Mattravers & Steve Turner 25 T Ainsworth 16; Away, Will Anderson, Rowland Garland, Jason Miles & Mark Denslow 14 D Clark 24.

CHARD *by Sandra Sumpter*

THERE was only one game in the MILFORD & DORMOR Mixed Triples League as Hurricanes had to cancel their game against Magpies.

ROYALS 6-17 HARLEQUINS

THIS was a deciding match in the competition. Royals needed to win to stand any chance of catching leaders Harlequins.

But the Harlequins went ahead from the first end and never looked like being caught.

Both sides played good shots, but Harlequins kept getting in to take the end or making it difficult for Royals to get near the jack.

M & D League	Pd	+/-	Pts
Harlequins	14	100	25
Royals	13	32	17
Magpies	12	-11	11
Greyhounds	15	-62	10
Hurricanes	14	-59	5

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUND UP

with Howard Larcombe

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Barrington through to County Cup Semi

Robins suffer Glass pain - Merriott Rovers closing in on successful return

Chard Town 1 Roman Glass 2

Toolstation Division One - att; 62

CHARD Town's hopes of putting together a run of three straight league wins – their first in 18 months – were dashed when they went down to a disappointing 2-1 defeat at the hands of lowly Roman Glass at Zembard Lane on Wednesday evening.

In front of a season's low attendance of just 62, The Robins broke the deadlock in the 40th minute when George Chlopecki netted from close range for his first goal of the season after the visiting keeper had spilled an Ed Butcher cross.

But the visitors were level two minutes later and scored what proved to be the winner five from the end of full time.

Disappointed Chard manager Adam Fricker told ***Weekender Sport***: "We didn't take our chances and put the game to bed.

"We should have been three up within 15 minutes, but that's unfortunately been the story of our season."

Fricker has named the following squad ahead of tomorrow's visit by HENGROVE (3pm kick off); *Jason Hutchings, Ben Haines, Darren Hutchings, Shaun Wells Burr, Ryan Parris, Leigh Bailey, Andy Martin, George Chlopecki, Louis Gillman, Scott Holland, Sam Clark, Ed Butcher, Mike McCormack, Jamie Underwood.*

SOMERSET LEAGUE

BOTH ILMINSTER TOWN and COMBE ST NICHOLAS had their scheduled matches called off for waterlogged pitches last weekend.

Drop rivals Stockwood Green's 2-2 draw with Minehead saw Ilminster drop back down into the bottom two in the Premier Division ahead of tomorrow's visit by 12th placed Berrow (2.30ko).

Just three games were played in Division Two (west) and Combe remain eight points clear at the top as they welcome struggling Nailsea Town Reserves tomorrow.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

A RECORD D&E home win, allied to rivals Winkleigh being docked points, has seen ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES jump out of the bottom two of the Division Five table.

On Saturday The Blues created a host of early chances but it took a long-range effort form Taylor Jefferson that found the top corner to break the deadlock.

The lead was doubled before the interval by a neat close range finish from Jonny May for his first goal of the season.

The result was put beyond any doubt by a quickfire triple strike after the turnaround with Jefferson bagging his second and Alex Paul getting in on the act with a double which included a superb free-kick.

Winkleigh were docked four points for fielding an ineligible player.

Ilminster are due to travel down to Exeter tomorrow to Hamlin Lane to take on ninth-placed Priory.

Up in the Premier CHARD TOWN RESERVES extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to five matches with a 1-1 draw with Hatherleigh Town at Zembard Lane.

The Robins took the lead when Max Westlake latched on to James Boyland's incisive through ball and finished well.

They squandered a golden chance to create a two-goal cushion when Adam Tovey missed a penalty in the 55th minute.

They were made to pay when the visitors showed how it should be done when they successfully netted from the spot just two minutes later. The score line mirrored that from the reverse fixture back in January.

Chard, currently laying 11th in the table visit ninth placed Topsham Town tomorrow.

◆ **HAT-TRICK:** Chris Rowswell had three of Drimpton's 10.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

BARRINGTON 6 WESTEND 2

BARRINGTON continue to fly the PSDL flag in the Somerset Intermediate Cup after 6-2 win over Westend at Shelway Lane.

An Andy Whitefield penalty gave Barrington the lead which was doubled by Sam Spurway before the visitors pulled one back.

But Spurway struck again on the stroke of half-time to give his side a 3-1 lead.

Whitefield made no mistake with a second penalty and further strikes from James Thompson and Guy Dare meant Westend's second counted for little.

The reward for Manager Sid Brown and his side, now unbeaten in 21 matches this season, is a trip north to take on Locking Park who currently sit fourth in the Weston-super-Mare & District league Division two.

Semi-final draw;

Locking Park v BARRINGTON

Westonzoyland v Purnell Sp Res

(ties to be played on March 21st).

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

Premier

ILMINSTER TOWN COLTS 1

LYME REGIS RESERVES 6

ALREADY relegted Ilminster Town Colts put in a spirited first-half showing before slipping to a 6-1 defeat against visiting Lyme Regis Reserves.

The Seasiders opened the scoring in the eighth minute when new signing Rob Condliffe slotted home his first goal for the club.

But the hosts were level four minutes later when a corner was allowed to fizz through the six-yard box to teenager Rob Keylock who made no mistake.

But the parity only lasted until the 17th minute when Condliffe cooly lifted the ball over the advancing keeper Steve Garland.

Pete Peacock made it 3-1 on the stroke of half-time.

With the slope in their favour Lyme camped in the Ilminster half for the majority of the second period.

The hosts held out until midway through when a Condliffe cross found Rowe whose wayward shot was deflected into his own goal by an unfortunate defender.

Condliffe then completed his hat-trick a minute later.

The scoring was rounded off in the 70th minute when referee Chris Emmerson pointed to the spot after Durrant had been clearly felled in the box.

Teenager Brad Rowe made no mistake with the resulting penalty.

MISTERTON 0

CREWKERNE TOWN 10

REIGNING champions Crewkerne Town appear to have one hand on the Premier Division trophy after thrashing their temporary landlords Misterton at Unity Lane.

The Tigers led 6-0 at half-time and cruised to victory although joint manager Ben Cox said:"It wasn't all one-way traffic, Bizzy (keeper and joint-manager Matt Bisgrove) made three or four good saves.

"They (Misterton) had four 16-year-olds playing and they all did well as did Lewis England and Harvey Saunders – so it's not all doom and gloom for them."

Liam Riste (4) and Jamie Spurdle (3) both continued their fine form in front of goal (21 goal in four games between them!) with the other goals coming from Dave John, Adam Dawe and Jonny Manley who celebrated his 25th birthday with a first-half penalty.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 0

WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK 0

SHEPTON Beauchamp's title hopes were dealt a blow as they dropped two points after being held to a goal less draw by mid-tablers West & Middle Chinnock.

Chinnocks' keeper-manager Matt Alford felt the result was fair and was pleased with the point, he said: "We've now taken four points off a team that were being talked about as possible champions at the start of the season – so we are doing something right.

"We have to target a third or even second place finish – not bad for a little club that has come a long way in 10 years."

◆ **PLEASED WITH PROGRESS:** And first clean sheet of 2015 for Chinnocks' manager Matt Alford.

Around the Divisions

TWO of the promotion contenders in **Division One** were forced to share the spoils as Winsham United were held to a 1-1 draw at Millwey Rise.

After a poor start to 2015, Winsh Player-manager Tom Stead was pleased with the point after top-scorer Shane Partridge cancelled out Mark Pike's opener.

Down at the bottom Luso-Chard collapsed to a 5-2 home defeat after leading fellow strugglers Pymore 3-1 with just 15 minutes remaining.

Rui Mestrinho, Bruno Ferriera and Luis Duque scored for Luso who are in free-fall having now lost eight in a row.

In **Division Two**, hat-tricks from Murray Legg and Chris Rowswell along with strikes from Terry Farrell, Lee Banks, Nick Murphy and an OG saw red-hot title favourites Drimpton thrash lowly Charmouth 10 on their own turf.

Crewkerne Town Reserves remain in the promotion mix after Paul Gold scored all the goals in a 3-0 win over Ilminster Town A whose seemingly inevitable relegation was confirmed.

Over at Netherbury Cameron Vere, who has plied his trade with Exmouth Town and Sidmouth Town this season, was on the score sheet as Uplyme won 2-1 against hosts Waytown Hounds.

The game on the Slades Cross slope saw Combe a and visitors Thorncombe slug it out for a 0-0 draw.

The four front runners in **Division Three** all chalked up victories.

Steve Scriven, manager of leaders Chard Utd Reserves felt his side should have scored 13 against visitors Merriott Dynamos.

Scriven had to be content with first-half strikes from Lee Hmes and Liam Male and two second-half OG's in a 4-0 triumph.

Spare a thought for Jimmy Rees who scored four times and still saw his team South Petherton Reserves beaten 5-4 by Barrington Reserves in a thriller up at Lightgate Lane.

Wes King (2 pens), Simon Lock (2) and Jake Woodard netted for the visitors who remain well placed in third.

The destination of the Division Four title was virtually confirmed last Saturday with Merriott Rovers thrashing rivals Combe B 7-1.

Ash Cooper (2), Josh Thomason (2), Sam Rowswell, Kev Richardson and Mark Tweedie netted for the champions-elect with Graham Cleal scoring the consolation.

The Jocelyn Park derby saw Chard Rangers Reserves claim the spoils with a 4-2 win over neighbours Chard United Allstars in the first ever meeting between the two teams.

Strikes from Kevin Cavanagh, George Best, Matt Gaylard and an OG saw the Rangers home. Ryan Hammett and Ryan Ebdon scored for the Stars whose manager Nathan Hellier felt his side could have snatched a draw had they taken their chances.

Meanwhile. Crewkerne Rangers Reserves came back from 2-0 to earn a point from a 3-3 draw with visitors Drimpton Reserves.

The Greens were looking good with goals from George Tuck and Dan Legg putting them in control.

But Steve Bryant got one back for Rangers with the last kick of the first-half.

Bryant bagged his second after the turnaround only for Mark Pearce to edge Drimpton back in front direct from a corner.

But there was still time for Scott Isaccs to level things up near the end.

Finally, Liam Rogers scored four as Farway United Reserves beat Uplyme Reserves 6-1 at Venlake.

◆ ***THE postponed John Fowler Cup Final between Hawkchurch United and Shepton Beauchamp Reserves has been rearranged for Thursday, March 19th at Bridport FC. Kick off at the St Mary's Ground is 7pm.***

RESULTS – February 21st

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

PREMIER

Ilminster Town Colts 1 Lyme Regis Reserves 6

Misterton 0 Crewkerne Town 10

Shepton Beauchamp 0 W & M Chinnock 0

DIVISION ONE

Farway Utd p Netherbury p

Luso-Chard 3 Pymore 5

Millwey Rise 1 Winsham Utd 1

DIVISION TWO

Combe St Nicholas A 0 Thorncombe 0

Crewkerne Town Res 3 Ilminster Town A 0

Drimpton 10 Charmouth 0

Waytown Hounds 1 Uplyme 2

DIVISION THREE

Chard Utd Reserves 4 Merriott Dynamos 0

Kingsbury Episcopi 3 Dowlish & Donyatt 2

South Petherton Res 4 Barrington Reserves 5

Thorncombe Reserves 1 Hawkchurch Utd 4

DIVISION FOUR

Chard Utd AllStars 2 Chard Rangers Res 4

Crewkerne Rangers Res 3 Drimpton Res 3

Merriott Rovers 7 Combe St Nicholas B 1

Uplyme Reserves 1 Farway Utd Reserves 6

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

(Cup games 2pm ko rest 2.30)

ARTHUR GAGE CUP QF

Chard Utd v Forton Rangers

Netherbury v Barrington

Lyme Regis Bantams v Millwey Rise

Winsham Utd v Pymore

JACK VENN CUP R1

Ilminster Town A v Waytown Hounds

Thorncombe v Combe St Nicholas A

BILL BAILEY CUP – QF

Chard Rangers v Hawkchurch United *(at Hawkchurch)*

Merriott Dynamos v Millwey Rise Reserves

Shepton Beau Res v Barrington Reserves

South Petherton Res v Thorncombe Reserves

KEN HODGES CUP – QF

Chard Utd AllStars v Merriott Rovers

Combe St Nicholas B v Chard Rangers Reserves

Crewkerne Rangers Res v Farway Utd Reserves

Hinton St George v Winsham Utd Reserves

PREMIER

Beaminster v Crewkerne Town

Misterton v West & Middle Chinnock

Perry Street v Combe Reserves

DIVISION ONE

Farway Utd v Luso-Chard

DIVISION TWO

Uplyme v Crewkerne Town Reserves

DIVISION THREE

Kingsbury Episcopi v Chard Utd Reserves

DIVISION FOUR

Drimpton Reserves v Uplyme Reserves

TOP SCORERS - 15 or more

PREMIER

Jamie Spurdle (Crewkerne Town) 30,
Dan Smith (Shepton Beauchamp) 26,
Josh Hunter (Beaminster) 24,
Rich Hebditch (South Petherton) and Liam Riste (Crewkerne Town) both 20,
Mark Cawley (West & Middle Chinnock) 19,
Adam Dawe (Crewkerne Town) 18,
Steve Every (Combe Res) 16,
Craig Every & Stuart Bicknell (both Combe Res) & Dan Peach (Shepton Beauchamp) both 15.

DIVISION ONE

Andy Whitefield (Barrington) 34,
Guy Dare (Barrington) 23,
Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise) 16,
Tom Perry (Barrington) & Shane Partridge (Winsham Utd) both 15.

DIVISION TWO

Terry Farrell (Drimpton) 25,
Bryan Garrett (Thorncombe) 20,
Paul Gold (Crewkerne Town Res) 16,
Simon Denslow (*inc 13 for Crewkerne Rangers*) & Warren Gabbidon (Thorncombe) both 15.

◆ **GOALS:** Paul Gold scored a hat-trick for Crewkerne Res in 3-0 win.

DIVISION THREE

Liam Male (Chard Utd Res) 26,
Jamie Brown (Chard Utd Res) & Andy Dymond (Hawkchurch Utd) both 17,
Jimmy Rees (South Petherton Res) 16,
Jake Russell (Kingsbury Episcopi) 15.

DIVISION FOUR

Ashley Cooper (Merriott Rovers) 33,
Graham Cleal (Combe B) 16.

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Welton Rovers	30	36	73
Barnstaple Town	29	79	70
Cribbs	32	34	69
Ashton & Backwell	31	26	60
Wincanton Town	30	19	55
Almondsbury UWE	30	7	51
Corsham Town	30	16	50
Chippenham Park	32	11	48
Cheddar	30	4	42
CHARD TOWN	***32***	***-8***	***42***
Calne Town	33	-12	42
Wellington	28	-1	41
Hengrove Athletic	30	1	40
Radstock Town	31	1	39
Oldland Abbotonians	30	-17	38
Keynsham Town	35	-40	35
Devizes Town	30	-3	33
Wells City	35	-18	32
Warminster Town	29	-14	29
Roman Glass St George	31	-30	27
Westbury United	34	-44	26
Portishead Town	32	-47	12

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Shirehampton	26	34	59
Fry Club	22	15	45
Cutters Friday	21	11	42
Frome Collegians	22	20	39
Bishops Lydeard	24	-1	39
Watchet Town	22	11	38
Clutton	24	7	38
Nailsea Utd	24	11	35
Wrington Redhill	21	0	35
Yatton Athletic	24	-19	34
Bridgwater Town Res	24	6	33
Berrow	25	-1	30
Odd Down Reserves	23	-3	27
Minehead	26	-20	26
Broad Plain House	24	-8	19
Stockwood Green	25	-18	19
ILMINSTER TOWN	***21***	***-29***	***19***
Nailsea Town	22	-16	15

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***17***	***36***	***45***
Worle	18	31	37
Winscombe	16	45	36
Kewstoke Lions	17	32	36
Taunton Utd 1610	18	15	34
Highbridge Town	19	33	32
Uphill Castle	17	10	31
Cheddar Reserves	19	0	28
Nailsea Utd Reserves	14	0	16
Clevedon Utd Reserves	15	-13	16
Nailsea Town Reserves	19	-20	15
Churchill Club 70	16	-30	10
Burnham Utd Reserves	17	-57	7
Weston St Johns Res	20	-82	7

D & E Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Tiverton Town Res	18	58	44
Heavitree Utd	19	31	41
Sidbury Utd	18	22	34
Feniton	16	28	33
Newtown	22	2	32
Elmore	18	9	31
Hatherleigh Town	14	22	30
Thorverton	17	15	29
Topsham Town	17	27	27
Beer Albion	20	-15	23
CHARD TOWN RES	***16***	***5***	***21***
Bow AAC	18	-11	18
Exeter University Res	16	-2	17
Seaton Town	20	-29	15
Willand Rovers Res	19	-26	10
Budleigh Salterton Res	22	-136	1

D & E Division 5	Pld	+/-	Pts
Otterton	23	13	43
Sandford	17	24	37
Fluxton	17	32	36
Sampford Peverell	18	27	36
Uplowman Athletic	18	29	34
Honiton Town Res	16	29	32
Halwill Reserves	17	6	27
Feniton Reserves	19	-11	24
Priory	14	-16	18
Starcross Generals	17	-20	16
Hatherleigh Town Res	19	-36	15
ILMINSTER RES	***19***	***-35***	***13***
Winkleigh	13	-4	11*
Stoke Hill	19	-38	9

PSDL Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Crewkerne Town	12	54	36
South Petherton	14	42	31
Shepton Beauchamp	14	36	29
Perry Street	15	21	29
West & Midd Chinnock	14	19	26
Combe St Nicholas Res	14	26	19
Beaminster	14	26	18
Lyme Regis Reserves	15	-16	15
Misterton	14	-110	6
Ilminster Colts (R)	16	-98	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington	13	62	39
Millwey Rise	14	19	29
Netherbury	13	14	26
Winsham Utd	15	11	26
Lyme Regis Bantams	14	-8	20
Chard Utd	15	3	19
Forton Rangers	14	-3	18
Luso-Chard	14	-31	9
Pymore	13	-16	8
Farway Utd	11	-51	3

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Drimpton	15	61	41
Thorncombe	15	34	34
Waytown Hounds	16	18	28
Crewkerne Town Res	12	8	25
Crewkerne Rangers	15	-14	20
Combe St Nicholas A	16	-10	17
Uplyme	13	8	16
Beaminster Reserves	15	-12	14
Charmouth	15	-21	13
Ilminster Town A (R)	14	-72	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd Reserves	16	22	35
Kingsbury Episcopi	16	27	31
Barrington Reserves	14	17	30
Hawkchurch Utd	13	22	25
Thorncombe Reserves	17	-13	20
Chard Rangers	13	-7	18
South Petherton Res	16	-10	18
Dowlish & Donyatt	14	-3	15*
Shepton Beau Res	15	-14	14
Merriott Dynamos	13	-10	11
Millwey Rise Reserves	15	-31	10*

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Rovers	13	81	39
Combe St Nicholas B	13	23	29
Winsham Utd Reserves	14	7	24
Crewkerne Rangers Res	15	6	21
Hinton St George	11	10	20
Uplyme Reserves	12	-12	15
Chard Rangers Res	14	-30	15
Farway Utd Reserves	11	-11	12
Drimpton Reserves	13	-11	10
Chard Utd All Stars	14	-63	4

** = points deducted*

hockey chard

Title within sight

Chard B 3 Taunton CS A 0

CHARD string strengthened their grip at the top of the South-East Division Three with a comprehensive victory over third placed Taunton Civil Service last weekend.

The visitors were never in the game lacked drive and pace and relied on a largely a 'hit and hope' strategy.

Subsequently Chard dominated the midfield and camped in Taunton's territory for most of the first-half.

But despite a number of penalty corners and goal scoring opportunities they were limited to 2-0. The opening goal was scored was when Andy Swain passed to Nick Parkinson who squeezed the ball home.

Shortly afterwards Parkinson's shot deflected to Arthur Critchley who controlled the looping ball and scored with some aplomb from two metres.

touchy Taunton

Chard reorganised a little in the second half and this allowed Taunton back into the game, but ill discipline saw one of their players yellow carded and the home side resumed control of the game.

Shortly afterwards Critchely launched a pin-point pass to Durgan Cooper who scored in the corner.

Taunton then had another player yellow and Chard saw out the clock, the final chance falling to Chard home debutant Ryan Lewis who narrowly missed in the dying minutes.

Chard now need to win two of their three remaining games to be guaranteed the league title.

Chard; Bailey, Dare, Mooney, Knight, Eames, Cheffey, D.Lewis, aLiggins, Parkinson, Cooper, Critchely, R.Lewis, Swain, Johnson.

SE Division 3	Pd	GD	Pts
CHARD B	13	45	36
East Devon C	13	37	31
Taunton CS A	13	47	27
Yeovil & Sherb C	14	17	22
Isca E	13	0	19
Bridgwater D	14	-15	17
Ashmoor C	13	-54	11
ECV Hornets C	13	35	6
ECV Hornets D	12	-42	2

running chard road runners

In-form trio record pb's at Exeter run

CHARD road Runners recently competed in the EXETER HALF MARATHON and Portland Coastal Marathon.

Five club members set off to Exeter for a three-lap pancake-flat and traffic-free Half Marathon, running along cycle tracks and paths of the Exe estuary and Exeter canal.

This provided the opportunity for a fast run. Taking the race as a team the laps were a good marker for when to break for personal goals, this resulted in three personal best performances.

Mel Boarder was first of the CRR's to utilise the new found pace and, with her London Marathon training regime helping, she crossed the line in a fantastic 2h 12m 33s taking a full nine minutes off her PB.

Second PB achiever was Matt Baker who, having set his first goal to complete a half marathon, now has the bug and took a full 17 minutes off his previous time crossing the line in 2h 15m 15s - this success was compounded having achieved a PB the previous Saturday at the Taunton 5k Park Run.

Following hot on his heels was Lindsey Quinlan who took a massive 15 minutes off her previous best crossing the line in 2h 34m 12s.

There were also strong performances from Vicky Musselwight 2h 28m 16s and Chantel Chant 2h 44m 12s.

Running the two-Lap PORTLAND COASTAL MARATHON was Bernie Genge, who maintained his quest to join the 100 Marathon Club.

Although hampered by not having not fully recovered from flu, which made the going was harder that it should have been running round the Island, Genge finished in a very strong 61st position out of 115 runners in a time of 5h 12m 41s.

◆ **EXCELLING IN EXETER:** From left; Matt Baker, Chantel Chant, Mel Boarder, Vicky Musselwight and Lindsey Quinlan.

horse racing wessex point-to-point

Mythologist aiming to set the story straight

The Quantock Staghounds at Cothelstone

BRADLEY Brook and The Mythologist are the two suggestions from the 23 entries for the Quantock Staghounds Mixed Open at Cothelstone on Sunday.

The former, from Nicky Martin's in-form Withypool stable, has won four point-to-points and an Exeter Hunter Chase and showed his well being when third in a Black Forest Lodge Confined in January.

The Mythologist, unbeaten in three UK point-to-points before pulling up at Larkhill when trained by owners Guy and Sophie Henderson, may make his debut for the UK's current leading trainer Jack Barber, who achieved his first four-timer at Badbury Rings last Sunday.

Bradley Brook's Black Forest Lodge conqueror Welstonedruid, prolific ex-Northern Area star Buckstruther, Foynes Island, a good third in Buckfastleigh's £1000 Westcountry Champion Chase Mixed Open, Minella Fifty, in contention when departing two out at Badbury Rings on Sunday, and Raffa, the first horse to win three races between the flags this season, are five more for the shortlist.

Whenharrymetsally has won five of her last six races and may be the one to complete the placings behind Bradley Brook and The Mythologist.

Little Cornham will face stiff opposition if seeking a fourth consecutive Hunt race success.

Black Forest Lodge and Wadebridge runner-up Iron Chancellor is the obvious danger, but course winners Golden Squirrel and Soul Native are two more to consider.

Mic's Delight separated Welstonedruid and Bradley Brook at Black Forest Lodge, so may be the one for the Veteran's contest.

Foynes Island is among the 29 entries, along with former top hurdler Cockney Trucker – fourth behind Mic's Delight a fortnight ago – five-time winner Dashing John and Coldharbour winner Hall Kelly.

Gowran Park chase winner Harpsy Cord made a promising pointing debut at Chaddesley Corbett and may be Mic's Delight's strongest challenger.

Sonofaking will be the selection to complete a Nicky Martin double if turning out for the 27-entry Restricted. Golden Squirrel and Genermouse can complete the placings.

Two large entry Maiden races complete the card. Vine & Craven third Anglingforcharlie, the consistent Follow The Paint and Tom Lacey's Maximus Meridius are three to consider in the 2m4f event, which has attracted 41 entries.

Larkhill runner-up Crackacan, Chaddesley Corbett third Its My Island, Barbury runner-up Kelsey and The Mystro, placed in his two UK outings to date, are four suggestions from the 26 entries for the 3m contest.

◆ **The course lies north of Taunton off the A358, 3 miles NE of Bishops Lydeard (TA4 3DT).**

First race: 12.30pm. Admission: £25 per car and all occupants; £10 single occupancy.

Barber cuts up field with quartet of wins

NATIONAL leading trainer Jack Barber and jockey Will Biddick combined for a four-timer – Jack's first – to dominate the Countryside Alliance (Wessex) meeting at Bradbury Rings last Sunday.

Conditions race winner Subtle Sovereign, Bonhams Men's Open hero Posh Totty, Restricted winner Ask The Weatherman and Maiden race scorer Montecito provided the pair's four successes.

The former made the most of Jack's skilful placement to record a seventh pointing success despite never having contested an open.

Always in the first two, Subtle Sovereign put up a fine performance to concede 6lb to three-time winner Jepeck. The Blackmore & Sparkford Vale Conditions or Hunt race contests could be on the agenda.

Will adopted similar tactics aboard all of his mounts, including Posh Totty, who put in a fine round of jumping to achieve her first open race success. Posh Totty, runner-up to Current Event and My Flora in her previous two outings, ran right up to her best to account for useful yardsticks Hameldown Tor and Raffa.

Ask The Weatherman finished a distance clear of Degenerate after closest pursuer Billersley Road (Ciaran Gethings) had capsized three out when challenging.

Ask The Weatherman is owned by Ditcheat's Dave Martin and Paul Barber, who missed the horse's success owing to his duties as president of the local hedge laying competition.

In the Maiden, Montecito overcame greenness to justify even money favouritism from Lucy Fielding-Johnson and Richard Mitford-Slade's promising debutant Winter Soldier.

Harry Cobden, who opened his account aboard Silver Token at Chipley Park, doubled his tally aboard the same horse in the Novice Riders' race.

Last with a circuit to go, Silver Token picked off his rivals one by one to get home from Barneys Mate, who ran his usual genuine race but couldn't concede five years to the winner.

Sagalyrique justified owner-trainer Angela Rucker's 2½-hour journey from Worcestershire by taking an eventful Ladies Open.

Sagalyrique just held on from Ruapehu after being left in front when leader Ghizao unseated Chloe Newton four out and Minella Fifty parted company with Lara Mahon at the penultimate.

"It's my first win at Badbury Rings and only my second ride here after Roving Report quite some time ago," said Rucker who rode her first winner between the flags aboard Ernie The Milk in 1983.

"We walked our local course, Chaddesley Corbett, found it too soft and came here for the better ground."

◆ **MIDLANDS MISSION:** Members of Crewkerne Pegasus Karate Club travelled to Solihul in the West Midland recently to take part in a national grading day. After the formal grading club instructor Steve Hooper was promoted to 5th Dan Black Belt. Steve is pictured (above) with the head of the grading panel Barry Tatlow 8th Dan and club members Sarah McDermott, Bob Gould and Darren Allen. The club trains at Crewkerne Sports Centre next to Wadham School, and always welcomes new members of any age for more details contact 0146077189 or 07894147710.

darts chard & district

Premier Div	Pld	Pts
High 4 & a Half	14	199
Country Classics	15	182
Rejects Return	14	176
BDBs	14	153
Crusaders	15	129
Phoenix Clubbers	14	119
Hobnobs	13	117
Happy Sharks	14	98
Pig Jockeys	13	96
Phoenix Poppes	14	89

180s; Gary Hill (10), Paul Lawrence (7), Leighton Cox (5), Chris Adams, Darren Ayres, Nigel Druce, Luke Lawrence and Louis Wells-Burr (all 3), x7 players (2).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Down's	13	163
Pirates	12	150
Hopefuls	13	142
We Can Do This	13	137
Pop Darts	13	127
PAs	12	118
Stumpy's Gang	11	94
Cult of Person'ty	11	94
Winning Team	12	62

180s; Paul Newton (2), Mike Best, Graham Down, Paul Down, B.Gibson, Steve Lawrence & Jon Hodges (all x1).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	13	167
HRT	13	154
Two Minute Crew	14	146
Madhouse Crew	13	144
Clownin' Around	14	141
Rare Breeds	14	130
Duck Fs	14	124
Happy Days	14	117
Red Devils	14	110
Bs Knees	13	84

180s; Alan Sprake (2), x10 players (all 1).

snooker seaton league

RESULTS - February 17th; Sidmouth Allsorts 1+0 Chard IZZA147 5+0, Chard Casuals 1+0 Colyton ExCons 5+6, Honiton Wonderers 2+0 Honiton WMC 4+0, Colyton TC 2+0 Colyton Feds 4+4.

League Table	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	15	60
Chard IZZA 147	15	56
Colyton Feds	15	51
Colyton ExCons	15	45
Honiton WMC	15	44
Chard Casuals	15	42
Colyton TC	15	40
Sidmouth Allsorts	15	19

Bruce Miller Cup	Pld	Pts
Colyton Feds	15	89
Honiton WMC	15	74
Chard IZZA147	15	72
Colyton TC	15	72
Colyton ExCons	15	67
Chard Casuals	15	64
Wonderers	15	62
Sidmouth Allsorts	15	35

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